

SENATE RESOLUTION 73

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Mr. Tommy G. Whittaker to the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-202, provides for the creation of the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-202, further provides that the Governor shall appoint twenty-two members to serve on that Board; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Mr. Tommy G. Whittaker of Portland, Tennessee, to serve on the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee representing the Sixth Congressional District; Mr. Whittaker will serve on the Board during a term that will expire on May 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Sumner County, Mr. Whittaker received his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 1974 and obtained his graduate degree from the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University in 1983; and

WHEREAS, an employee of The Farmers Bank since 1976, Mr. Whittaker has served with distinction as President/Chief Executive Officer since 2005 and serves on the Board of Directors of The Farmers Bank and First Farmers Bancshares, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whittaker is a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Bankers Association and its Government Relations Committee as well as the American Bankers Association Grassroots Committee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many professional accomplishments, Mr. Whittaker has been involved in many civic and community service pursuits through his membership in the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Portland Lions Club, Leadership Sumner, Leadership Middle

Tennessee, United Chambers of Sumner County, the Board of Trustees of Volunteer State College Foundation, and Portland First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whittaker has rendered sterling service on the Board of Directors of Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation, the Board of Commissioners of the Portland Housing Authority, and the Portland Community Education Foundation Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whittaker's educational and professional experience would be a tremendous asset to the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-202, provides that all members appointed by the governor to the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Tommy G. Whittaker to the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee for a term to expire on May 31, 2017.